

'Motorcycles in the sky'



Gyroplane enthusiasts from as far as Dixon, Tenn., came to Mt. Vernon Airport this weekend for the 29th annual Professional Rotorcraft Association Chapter 35 Fly-In. Members of the St. Louis-based group showed off their planes, gave rides and talked shop in Jefferson County for the first time this year after nearly three decades holding the gathering in Shelbyville. While attendance was down — due to the venue change, the chapter had less time to get the word out, and clubs from Chicago, Kankakee, Champaign and Danville were no-shows — members Bill Hammond, Bobby Ireland and Earl O’Kuly said the club will definitely return to Mt. Vernon on their “motorcycles in the sky” next summer.

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